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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Mary
4 Ellen Dorris of West Frankfort, who passed away on May 17,
5 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Dorris was born in West Frankfort to
7 Obed Barton and Hal (Karnes) Hayes on January 11, 1931; she
8 graduated from Frankfort Community High School in 1948 and
9 Southern Illinois University Carbondale; she married Kenneth
10 L. Dorris in West Frankfort on November 27, 1952; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Dorris was a dedicated teacher; she
12 taught at Thompsonville High School for five years and then at
13 West Frankfort Community High School for many years until her
14 retirement in 1993; she enjoyed her farm life and was always
15 busy managing her home and seeing to the needs of her family;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Dorris was an active member of the
18 First Baptist Church of West Frankfort, where she was a Sunday
19 school teacher and served in the church nursery for many years;
20 she also was a supporter of the church's clothing room and
21 enjoyed visiting with her church family; she was well versed in
22 many subjects and was a natural trivia buff; she loved her

1 grandchildren and was always interested in all of their many
2 activities, always enjoying the times they shared together at
3 her home; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Dorris was preceded in death by her
5 husband of 51 years, Kenneth, and her parents; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Dorris is survived by three sons and
7 daughters-in-law, Jeff and Susan Dorris, Doug and Michelle
8 Dorris, and Tim and Judy Dorris; her granddaughter, Megan
9 Dorris; her grandsons, Seth, Brock, Nathan, Jacob, and Benny
10 Dorris; her half-sister, Toni Lucas; her half-brother, Jim
11 Hayes; other extended family; and many friends; therefore, be
12 it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 mourn the passing of Mary Ellen Dorris, and extend our sincere
16 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
17 her; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Mary Ellen Dorris as an expression
20 of our deepest sympathy.